



<u>Claims</u>

- 1. A composition comprising at least one hydroxystilbene and at least one polyol, wherein the weight ratio of the polyol to the hydroxystilbene is at least 150/1.
- 2. The composition according to claim 1, comprising a hydroxystilbene selected from the group consisting of:
- 4'-hydroxystilbene,

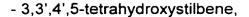
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- 10 2',4'-dihydroxystilbene,
 - 3',4'-dihydroxystilbene,
 - 4,4'-dihydroxystilbene,
 - 2',4',4-trihydroxystilbene,
 - 3',4',4-trihydroxystilbene,
- 2,4,4'-trihydroxystilbene,
 - 3,4,4'-trihydroxystilbene,
 - 3,4',5-trihydroxystilbene,
 - 2',3,4-trihydroxystilbene,
 - 2,3',4-trihydroxystilbene,
- 20 2',2,4'-trihydroxystilbene,
 - 2,4,4',5-tetrahydroxystilbene,
 - 2',3,4',5-tetrahydroxystilbene,
 - 2,2',4,4'-tetrahydroxystilbene,

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- 2,3',4,4'-tetrahydroxystilbene,
- 3,3',4,4'-tetrahydroxystilbene,
- 3,3',4',5,5'-pentahydroxystilbene,
- 2,2',4,4',6-pentahydroxystilbene,
 - 2,3',4,4',6-pentahydroxystilbene, and
 - 2,2',4,4',6,6'-hexahydroxystilbene.
 - 3. The composition according to claim 1, comprising 3,4'5-trihydroxystilbene.
 - 4. The composition according to claim 1, wherein the at least one hydroxystilbene is present in a quantity of from 0.001% ro 10% by weight with respect to the total weight of the composition.
- 5. The composition according to claim 1, comprising a polyol selected from the group consisting of glycerine, a glycol, polyethylene glycol and their mixtures.
- 6. The composition according to claim 5, comprising a polyol selected from the group consisting of polyethylene glycol, butylene-1,3-glycol and 5-[2-(4-hydroxyphenyl)vinyl]benzene-1,3-dio/l.
 - 7. The composition according to claim 1, further comprising a C₁-C₆, alkanol.

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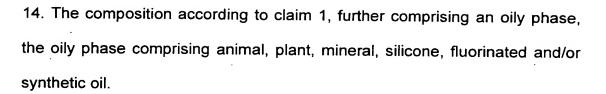


- 8. The composition according to claim 7, wherein the alkanol represents up to 10% by weight of the total weight of the composition.
- 9. The composition according to claim 1, wherein said composition is in the form of an emulsion of the oil-in-water type or the water-in-oil type, a nanoemulsion, a microemulsion, an aqueous gel, an anhydrous gel, a solution, or a multiple emulsion.
- 10. The composition according to claim 1 wherein said composition is in the form of an oil-in-water emulsion formed of oily globules provided with a lamellar liquid crystal coating dispersed in an aqueous phase.
- 11. The composition according to claim 10, wherein the oily globules have an average diameter of less than 500 nanometers.
 - 12. The composition according to claim 10, wherein the lamellar liquid crystal coating is a monolamellar or oligolamellar layer obtained from at least one lipophilic surface-active agent, at least one hydrophilic surface-active agent, and at least one fatty acid.
 - 13. The composition according to claim 10, wherein the aqueous phas comprises the hydroxystilbene and the polyol in the dissolved state.

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15. The composition according to claim 14, wherein the oily phase further comprises at least one fatty alcohol or at least one fatty acid and at least one surface-active agent.

16. The composition according to claim 1, further comprising at least one adjuvant selected from the group consisting of preservatives, perfumes, fillers, UV filters, and skin-care agents.

17. A method comprising mixing at least one hydroxystilbene with at least one polyol in a weight ratio of polyol to hydroxystilbene of at least 150/1.

18. A method for the preparation of and oil -in-water emulsion comprising:

- mixing with agitation an oily phase containing a lipophilic surface-active agent, a hydrophilic surface-active agent and a fatty acid with an aqueous phase comprising a basic agent, a polyol and a hydroxystilbene, and

- homogenizing the mixture obtained from the first step, wherein the weight ratio of polyol to hydroxystilbene is at least 150/1.





- 19. The method according to claim 18, wherein the homogenization is achieved either using pressures of between 200 and 1000 bars, or by ultrasound, or by use of homogenizers fitted with a rotor-stator head.
- 20. A method, comprising applying the composition of claim 1 to the skin in an amount effective to treat and/or prevent signs of skin aging.